

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating subject matter from claim 5 into it.

Claim 4 has been amended by adding a comma.

Claim 5 has been canceled.

The remaining claims have been amended in a non-limiting manner to place the claims into better condition for examination.

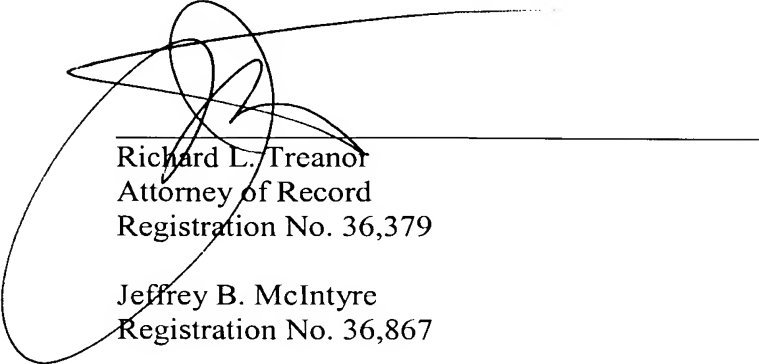
Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending.

The Office Action rejected the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments have rendered the pending rejections moot, and that these rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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